



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**  
**DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson  
David Carsten, DDS  
Samantha Kofler, DDS  
Mac Rainey, Public Member  
Tiffany Bass, DDS  
Miryam Nossa, EFDA

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager  
Amber Freeberg, Program Manager  
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program  
Manager  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION - 12:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager**

- 1.1. Introduction of committee members and staff
  - Mr. Bronoske introduces the committee and staff members.
- 1.2. Election of Officers
  - Dr. Swanson volunteers to be chairperson for the committee.
  - There is a motion to elect Dr. Swanson as chair for the Dental Therapy committee.
  - A vote is taken and unanimously passes.
- 1.3. Approval of agenda
  - There is motion to approve the agenda as presented.
  - The motion is moved and seconded.

**2. DENTAL THERAPY LEGISLATION REVIEW – The committee will review Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1678**

- Mr. Bronoske shares the passage of engrossed substitute bill 1678, created a new Dental Therapy profession.
- The bill's legislation set foundation for profession providing several pathways to licensure, lists scope of practice, supervision expectations, practice restrictions, etc.

- Mr. Bronoske shares program does not expect 18 rules workshops to occur.
- Mr. Bronoske describes the split statutory authority of the new profession.
- The commission will be responsible for approval education programs, exams, discipline and providing guidance to the secretary.
- The secretary is responsible for rule writing, processing applications, creating juris prudence exams, continuing education standards, fee and renewal cycles.
- Dr. Bass requests the split of authority is clearly indicated as it will be a point of reference for the Commission.

**3. RULES** – The committee will begin working on creating a new rules section for dental therapy.

- Mr. Bronoske shares these rules are drafted from observation on provided legislation, dental and dental hygiene rules.
- Mr. Bronoske shares the CR 101 is expected to be filed within a few weeks and is currently in the late stages of internal review.
- To be most efficient, Mr. Bronoske recommends the committee look at specific portions of rules in each meeting.
- Mr. Bronoske presents and briefly reviews drafted rules.
- Mr. Bronoske shares public can get access to current rules work and updates on gov delivery, the Department of Health’s email list serve.
- Ms. Johnson, on the behalf of the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) thanks the committee for their work and notes the dental therapy scope will need to be refined. WSDA is also working on forming a document with formal suggestions with this rule.
- Ms. Johnson also requests the department notifies interested parties with a definition delineating responsibility of the secretary and the Commission for clarification.
- The committee thanks the WSDA for their comments and will review their formal suggestions.
- Mr. Bronoske shares rules can only provide clarification to legislation and cannot make changes to the intent of the legislation.
- Mr. Bronoske answers questions from interested parties related to dental therapy scope of practice, and licensing requirements.

**4. FUTURE BUSINESS**

- Determine information needed for next committee meeting.
- The Department of Health will begin creating licensing application forms once the Commission is ready to file a CR 102.
- Interested parties have requested scheduling the next two to three meetings, if possible, as many would like to participate.
- The committee will communicate via email to schedule the next meetings and will notify interested parties via gov delivery.

**5. ADJOURN**

- The meeting is adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Approved by:**

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson  
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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